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Public Art Brings New Views To Riverside Park South

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New public sculptures unveiled in Riverside Park South invite passers-by to pause and reflect.

UPPER WEST SIDE — Next time you're looking for direction in your life, head to Riverside Park South and stand in front of artist Noa Shay's sculpture along the Hudson River just north of West 61st Street.

Shay's artwork, one of seven new public sculptures unveiled Friday, sits at the end of a small pier.

The quiet spot with river views invites reflection, says Shay.

"This is a place where you come, you meet yourself, and you think about where you are and where you want to go," Shay said. "You watch the view and you wish."

That's why she called her sculpture, "Wish."

Shay, 36 year-old Upper East Sider who was born in Israel, is among seven students from the Art Students League of New York who were selected to participate in the school's [Model To Monument program, which teaches artists how to create public art](#).

The artists visited the park months ago to get a sense of the surroundings where their work would be displayed, then created smaller-scale models of the sculptures they planned to create.

Next they built the full-sized sculptures, [which were installed this week at Riverside Park South](#).

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